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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, 2003/1 of 31 January 2003, 2003/53 of 24 July 2003, 2004/1 of 3 May 2004, 2004/59 and 2004/61 of 23 July 2004, 2005/2 of 1 March 2005, 2005/32 of 26 July 2005 and 2006/11 of 26 July 2006 and its decision 2002/304 of 25 October 2002,

Noting the appointment of a new Government in April 2007, and encouraging the Government of Guinea-Bissau to intensify its efforts to further deepen economic reforms and to strengthen governance,

Expressing concern at the marked increase in the use of the territory of Guinea-Bissau for drug trafficking and its possible impact on the State, and in this regard encouraging the efforts of the Government of Guinea-Bissau, with the assistance of the international community, to combat this newly emerging challenge,

Recognizing the need for strong regional and international support for the continuing efforts of the Government of Guinea-Bissau to improve political and institutional stability,

Recognizing the need for strong regional and international support for the continuing efforts of the Government of Guinea-Bissau to improve political and institutional stability,

Welcoming the establishment and role of the International Contact Group on Guinea-Bissau in mobilizing support for the country,

Also welcoming the positive and constructive role of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau in supporting the country in its pursuit of its pressing short- and long-term development objectives,

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1. *Takes note* of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau;[1]

2. *Welcomes* the holding of the donor round-table conference in Geneva on 7 and 8 November 2006, and urges the donor community to disburse funds in line with the pledges made, including for budgetary support, with a view to contributing to the clearing of the 2007 fiscal deficit;

3. *Stresses* the importance of implementing the country's poverty reduction strategy and its security sector reform plan, including their funding;

4. *Reaffirms* the need to create an enabling environment in Guinea-Bissau to promote sustainable development in the country, including through a commitment to transparent and sound public expenditure management;

5. *Invites* Guinea-Bissau's partners to provide both technical and financial support for the next legislative elections, which are due by March 2008;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the United Nations Development Group, relevant funds, programmes and specialized agencies to continue to assist the Ad Hoc Advisory Group in accomplishing its mandate, and invites the Bretton Woods institutions to continue to cooperate towards that end;

7. *Expresses its satisfaction* to the Secretary-General for the support provided to the work of the Group, and requests him to continue to adequately support its activities;

8. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau through the substantive session of 2008, unless the Council decides on an earlier review of the mandate, and requests the Group to report, as appropriate, to the Council.

[1] E/2007/57.